

Guest editor's note

The third issue of this special edition of the "Pravovedenie" summarizes the panorama of topics which influences the modern contract law, going beyond the European context.

In the first issue R. Schulze was drawing his panorama of the European private law and the process of the building of its system. In the third issue R. Zimmermann, another central figure of the discussion on the European law and a co-editor of the fundamental work *Commentaries on the European Contract Laws* presents his own, quite different view on the European private law.

E. Rott-Pietrzyk presents the results of her Polish-Chinese legal comparison, focusing on the concept of legitimate expectations, also analysing the legal relevance of the reliance in the modern contract law.

V. Malysheva analyses another "evergreen" topic which is extraordinary relevant from the perspective of the international private law and proper application of the foreign system: the matter of the limitation periods in the major jurisdictions of the common law.

As I have mentioned at the beginning of this introduction in editorial to the first special issue, European private law enters the era of rapid digitalization. To this sphere belongs also the law of the intermediary platforms which has been tackled by various legislation of the European Union. H. Schulte-Nölke critically approaches the new Union's regulation on promoting fairness and transparency for business users of the online intermediary platforms, showing its ambiguity while determining the scope.

Two last articles concern the growing importance of the ecological-friendly approach which puts its foot also in the modern private law. M. Zhu discusses the ecological approach of the newly adapted Chinese civil code. F. Zoll, K. Południak-Gierz and W. Bańczyk are checking the ecological content of the new directive on sales, discussing areas for possible improvement.

The challenges of our complex times have reached the private law, which stays at the edge of a fundamental reconceptualization. These three issues of the "Pravovedenie" signal some aspects of this process. We wish all readers an inspiring lecture.

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